House Resolution No. 2924

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, James Kenny, an esteemed resident of Raytown, Missouri, is retiring from the Hickman Mills C-1 School District after a successful career in education that has spanned twenty-nine years; and

Whereas, James Kenny has spent a quarter century at Hickman Mills C-1, prior to which time he taught in the Center School District, at Shawnee Mission, and at the Gillis Home for Boys; and

Whereas, James Kenny has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as a teacher at Crittendon, Spofford, Truman, and Santa Fe Accelerated Elementary School, and has greatly enjoyed watching as his students have grown to become successful, productive adults; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the 2002-2003 Santa Fe Teacher of the Year award, James Kenny is exceedingly proud of his active affiliation with such important organizations as the National Education Association; and

Whereas, born and raised in Kansas City, James Kenny graduated from Southwest High School, served his country in the Air Force for four years, and earned his Bachelor's degree from Avila College; and

Whereas, James Kenny looks forward to his much-deserved retirement so that he can spend more quality time in the company of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Gayle, and his two sons, Nicholas and Brendan:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to James Kenny for his twenty-nine years of unparalleled service to the Hickman Mills C-1 School District and to the education of Missouri's youngest citizens, and in wishing him the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for James Kenny.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2924, adopted May 15, 2003.